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Application No.

10/689,804

Examiner

Steven B. Theriault

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-24,68-72,74-81,84,85 and 90-99.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 09/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Bahret on 11/20/2006.

**In the Claims, please amend the claims as attached:**(The application has been amended by applicant and sent to examiner via fax).

### ***Affidavit under Rule 1.132***

The affidavit under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 09/11/2006 had been considered and has been entered but is considered moot in view of the claim amendments.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 5-24, 68-72, 74-81, 84-85, 90-99 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

*Claims 5,68,75,84,95 and 96:*

The closest prior art of Katsurabayashi et al (hereinafter Katsurabayashi) U.S. Patent No. 5,996,002, Katsurabayashi teaches a network of computers connected together for the purpose of group collaboration where the users can switch the computer to have private and public spaces on their desktop (Katsurabayashi Fig. 1, 2, 3, 4A and column 9, lines 5-35). Katsurabayashi teaches an individual can retain the permission to update the public area while all other participants would not have the permission to update the public area. A user can toggle the shared and public space to vary access rights to the spaces (Katsurabayashi fig.4a-4b and column 9, lines 5-15). Katsurabayashi attempts to solve the problem of storing annotations and information from a recorded session and creates means for playing the session back for the new or prior participants of the session where the information was lost in prior applications.

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Katsurabayashi solves the problem by creating data structures that log every interaction and data type into a shared data location in which the time stamps of the entries can be replayed for the user via the application. Katsurabayashi does not expressly teach a client/server system with a database that transmits the object to the moderator when the object is completely drawn.

The prior art of Mattaway et al. (hereinafter Mattaway) U.S. Patent No. 6,728,784 teaches a collaboration system that allows users to store information in a public and private workspaces along with a moderator work area where the purpose of the application is to let peer to peer applications that communicate primarily on a dedicated network to communicate in a networked environment complete with servers and databases in an NT/server environment (see column 4, lines 1-67). Mattaway does not teach a mechanism to wait until the object is drawn before sending the object to the moderator work area as is recited in the amended claims.

Therefore, in light of the applicant's amendment and arguments, the prior art of Katsurabayashi in view of Mattaway do not teach or suggest the combined limitations of the amended claims as submitted. Therefore, the claims as amended are allowable.

*Claims 6-24, 69-72, 74-81, 85-94, 97-99*

These claims are dependent upon claims 5,68,75,84,95 and 96, respectively, and are thus allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven B. Theriault whose telephone number is (571) 272-5867. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 4:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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